GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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CROP LOAN
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

he amount of crop loan provided to the farmers at the interest rate of 7% during each of the last two years and as on date, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

Pursuant to the Budget announcement 2006-07, Government of India (GoI) has launched the interest subvention scheme, which ensures that farmers receive Short Term Credit at 7% with an upper limit of Rs.3 lakh on the principal amount since 2006-07. Public Sector Banks (PSBs), Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) and Cooperative Banks are being provided interest subvention on their own involvement of funds @ 2% per annum. The Government is also providing interest subvention to NABARD for providing concessional refinance to RRBs and Cooperative Banks for the purpose. This scheme is in operation since Kharif 2006.

As per provisional data available, during the year 2006-07, PSBs, RRBs and cooperative banks have provided Rs. 49604 crore, Rs. 15755 crore and Rs. 21833 crore respectively as crop loans to the farmers. The Data Reporting System of Reserve Bank of India does not generate state- wise details.